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Dear George,

If a pony had carried my letter it would not have taken six days to reach you.

Harry Livingstone was here until about 1:30. So the first ten hours of the day were more tiring than usual. I was about to take a nap when I looked at the mail, which was late. The proof copy of Mangold's book also came. Thanks, but I expected a xerox, not the copy you may be asked to review so I'll return it because when I read the book I am sure Dave Wrone will want me to annotate it. I'm doing that on a tome for him instead of reading for enjoyment in the time I have for reading now.

We agree on being sorry and there is no need to try to determine, if that is possible who is sorrier.

We appear also to have different recollections of the same thing and to have had different things in mind when we were not aware of it. Some things we just disagree about. But you appear to making legitimate comments and if any apologies are in order I will make them.

But I'm not now up to getting those things out and going over them. I now can't trust my recollection. For example, I got the impression from your outline that you were referring to the Commission hiring individual investigators, not an entire investigative staff.

Tomorrow there will be two medical interruptions in my day and the next day I'll be at Johns Hopkins for some regular checkups. That will take the entire day and the trip alone now tires me.

As soon as I can I'll pay close attention to your letter and I'll write you.

Meanwhile if you intend going farthur, from my recollection of what you told me of the agent's letter and from recollection of what I wrote, I suggest you ask yourself if in some ways we were saying some of the same things, including, if I recall my words correctly, whether it was self-defeating.

If you want to make copies of the "tramp" pictures and those of behind the fence, OK, but remember that the "tramps" can come from both Dallas papers. On those men, when the pictures were clearly misused in the King case and I called that to the FBI's attention, they identified and interviewed the two policemen and one deputy and Stone, meaning Garrison, is full of what he is usually full of. There is an error in the FBI report, rather in the recollections. They all said it was about a mile away, not three plus blocks.

We share regrets, too,

Harold